

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Proposed Activities for Funding under the 2009-2010 One-Year Action Plan, for 30-day Public Comment

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

DIVISION: Community Assistance

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize Community Assistance Division staff to publish the attached list of recommended funding activities for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Programs. These activities, proposed to be funded under the 2009-2010 One-Year Action Plan of the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, require a 30-day public comment period prior to final approval by the Board of County Commissioners in July 2009.

County-wide

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BACKGROUND:

Each year Seminole County receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Programs. The 2009-2010 One-Year Action Plan is currently under development, and will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on July 28, 2009, for submittal to HUD by their August 15, 2009 statutory deadline.

After receiving proposals from interested parties, and following a Countywide Public Hearing on April 15, 2009, the Review Team met on April 20, 2009 to develop funding recommendations for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs for the 2009-2010 Action Plan. Citizen participation requirements of the Consolidated Plan process require a 30-day public comment period for all proposed activities prior to Board approval.

Permission is requested to advertise the attached list of funding recommendations for 2009-2010 for public comment. The recommendations will be published on the County's web site and in the Orlando Sentinel, beginning May 17, 2009. The 30-day comment period will be from May 17, 2009 through June 17, 2009. All final funding allocations are subject to Board approval on July 28, 2009.

[Notice that \$450,000 in CDBG funds is yet to be recommended for any specific activity. Research is being conducted on two (2) proposals in order to further develop these recommendations.]

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board authorization for Community Assistance Division staff to publish the attached list of recommended funded activities for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Programs. These activities, proposed to be funded under the 2009-2010 One-Year Action Plan of the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, require a 30-day public comment period prior to final approval by the Board of County Commissioners in July 2009.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Activities

Additionally Reviewed By:

- ☒ County Attorney Review (Arnold Schneider)
- ☒ Grant Review (Jennifer Bero, Lisa Spriggs)

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FUNDING
2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
2009-2010 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

City of Sanford: Georgetown Stormwater Drainage Improvements - \$190,875

This activity involves comprehensive stormwater drainage improvements in the Georgetown target area of Sanford. Sanford will leverage the funding with \$65,000 in in-kind engineering design.

Midway Community Potable Water System Improvements - \$507,590

This will fund the rehabilitation of a large portion of the deteriorating potable water system owned by the Midway-Canaan Community Water Association, which serves approximately 2,000 in the Midway community. Approximately \$100,000 will be used to fund a comprehensive survey of the entire water system to determine the need for future improvements. The balance will be used to address immediate and urgent repairs to the water system. The Florida Rural Water Association will also be approached to determine if revolving loan funding can be leveraged to bring the water system to standard condition.

Target Area Water/Sewer Connections - \$222,806

This will fund connection fees and hook-ups for both water and sewer for lower income residents of CDBG target areas. Funds will be targeted especially for residents of the Jamestown target area, which is currently undergoing the installation of a new sanitary sewer system, and for residents of the Lockhart's Subdivision target area, which is currently undergoing the installation of a new potable water system.

Central Fl. Family Health Center X-Ray Retrofit - \$60,000

This involves the fitting of an X-ray room to serve lower income medical clients in the existing facility located at 2400 State Road 415 in Sanford.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Administration - \$120,000

This activity will fund the oversight and case management of the HOME Program-funded Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program, which will be administered and implemented by the Community Assistance Division.

Planning & Administration - \$477,314

This is for planning and administrative activities of the CDBG Program, which includes staff and operating expenses, and professional and consulting services for the implementation of projects and activities.

Public Services – \$357,985

The following activities are recommended for public services:

Child Care Assistance - \$140,000

This will continue to provide this service to income-eligible households with subsidized child care assistance.

Medical Assistance (Dental) - \$100,000

This will continue to provide dental assistance to income-eligible persons on a County-wide basis.

Medical Assistance (Rx) - \$70,000

This will continue to provide assistance with prescriptions to income-eligible persons on a County-wide basis.

Medical Assistance (Diagnostic) - \$10,000

This will continue to provide medical assistance to income-eligible persons on a County-wide basis.

Rent/Utility Assistance - \$37,985

This will provide assistance to income-eligible households who have fallen behind on rent or utility payments.

Unfunded CDBG funds - \$450,000

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

CHDO Senior Citizen Rental Housing - \$500,000

This set-aside will be used by a County-certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) to develop rental housing for lower income senior citizens.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) - \$476,752

The TBRA Program will continue to provide rental assistance to extremely low and very low income households. Assistance will be targeted for the County's Self-Sufficiency Program.

Administration - \$108,528

A total of \$108,528 is recommended for planning and administrative activities of the CD Office, which includes staff and operating expenses, and professional and consulting services for the implementation of projects and activities.

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM

[NOTE: according to the ESG regulations, grantees are allowed to use up to 30% of their annual ESG allocation for homelessness prevention, and the remainder is to be used for operating and maintenance expenses for emergency shelters. The CD Office allocates ESG funds accordingly.]

Homelessness Prevention - \$13,525

The Community Assistance Division will continue to provide homeless prevention services for households under threat of eviction or foreclosure, to provide utility assistance to prevent the disruption of utilities, and/or for security deposit assistance for

rental housing. The statutory dollar-for-dollar match will be provided by in-kind services and costs of the Community Assistance Division.

Rescue Outreach Mission: Homeless Assistance - \$61,000

It is recommended that the Mission be funded for operating and maintenance expenses. The Mission provides meals and emergency homeless shelter services to homeless persons. The grant is matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by various grants, financial donations, and professional services.

SafeHouse of Seminole: Homeless Assistance - \$32,000

It is recommended that SafeHouse be funded for operating and maintenance expenses. SafeHouse provides emergency homeless shelter services and provides shelter to victims of spousal abuse. The grant is matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by various grants, financial donations, and professional services.